

**PUBLIC WORKS AND ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS**  
**May 24, 2021, 7pm**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Public Works and Accessibility Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:00 pm on Monday May 24, 2021 by Public Works Director, Kellen Headlee.

PWAAC Members present:

Jennifer Smith

Frank Barnes

Julie Aldridge

Mike Reynolds

Dennis Liss-(Absent)

Staff members present:

Kellen Headlee, Public Works Director

Tim McEldowney, City Engineer

Seth Gotchey, Staff Engineer

Jody Demaline, Public Works Streets Superintendent

Julie Sumner, Public Works Admin Assistant

**PRESENTATIONS**

Americans with Disabilities Act Overview-Presented by Seth Gotchey

- Agenda
  - Legal Background
    - The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 essentially created the handicap accessibility in all Federal Facilities.
    - Any programs and activities funded with federal dollars needs to be compliant with the Act of Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Amended in 1978 with a set minimum design guidelines to the public to follow.
    - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 bans discrimination based on disability. The ADAAG of 1991 gave certain guidelines to follow like for doors and stairs.
    - Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public ROW (PRAWAAC) 2011 is essential the guideline for Right of Ways.
    - Goal is to have a traversable sidewalk for those with disabilities.
    - Number of accessible parking spaces with minimum width of 96" and 2% slope on surfaces.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public are welcome to use this time to make comments about matters or items on the Public Works and Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda

No public comments were received

**CONSENT AGENDA**

No items

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair
  - a. Motioned by Jennifer Smith and seconded by Frank Barnes to nominate Julie Aldridge as Chair. Julie Aldridge was approved as Chair by unanimous vote.
  - b. Motioned by Julie Aldridge and seconded by Mike Reynolds to nominate Jennifer Smith as Vice Chair. Jennifer Smith was approved as Vice Chair by unanimous vote.
2. 2021 Meeting Schedule
  - a. Last Monday of the month. Next 2 months will be monthly and will move to quarterly starting October 25, 2021

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Review of current City Public Works and Accessibility Programs
  - a. Capital Improvements Program  
5 year period of time to do the work  
Transportation Master Plan  
Stormwater Master Plan
  - b. Pavement Management Program  
Extends the life of the roads on local streets.  
Fix most curbs to streets that get Chip Seal.
  - c. County Assistance Road System (CARS) projects-Gas Taxes  
CARS money/grant. City pays for design, utilities, locates, and 1/2 of the construction cost.  
Currently funding the US 56 project.  
Application is in for the 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Moonlight to Center Street project.
  - d. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects  
The City only needs to pay for 10%.  
Grants can be used for improving sidewalks around low income housing areas.  
Committee to discuss areas that need the most assistance.
  - e. ADA projects  
Will need to work with committee to make a list and prioritize it according to needs.
  - f. Other Funding  
Mid-America Regional Council (MARC). City matches 50%  
-Interchange project currently going on was funded through MARC.  
KDOT:  
-CCLIP: Highway goes through the city. Was awarded funding through KDOT to put towards a project that is coming up. The City funds half of the cost of the project.  
-Economic Development  
-Corridor Management: Traffic Improvements  
-Cost-share: Catch-all
2. Future Items / Topics – Focus Areas
  - a. Cedar Niles - Needs a dedicated left turn on South side. The traffic gets bogged down at the entrance of Walmart. We have a project in place that will have a dedicated lane for the left turn unto US-56. Waiting on updating the North side due to some development that may happen.

- b. Crosswalk at Veteran Park – RFB has been ordered for this location. It will flash to notify drivers to stop for pedestrians.
- c. Work with the Communications Manager to ensure guidelines for Crosswalk Safety for drivers and pedestrians. Have it posted on social media outlets.
- d. Education for citizens on road conditions when projects are in progress.
- e. Elm Street - Handicap parking (Part of the Cost Share Project that we submitted to KDOT)
- f. Center Street – We have a project in place to move the barriers on the bridge to widen the sidewalk.
- g. Traffic Counts and accidents around the city can determine where traffic lights are needed.
- h. Identifying gapped sidewalk and listing them. Find a funding mechanism to do the work.
- i. Grand Street and West Grand - Need sidewalks for kids to be able to walk to and from school and around town.
- j. Community involvement, possibly for Boy Scouts: Trash pickup/cleanup in parks or parking lots.
- k. Once the city gets bigger we can have an Adopt a street program.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES**

Review Members' terms of office

Jennifer Smith	12/2021
Frank Barnes	12/2021
Julie Aldridge	10/2023
Mike Reynolds	10/2023
Dennis Liss	10/2023
Tory Roberts	Ex Officio

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Reynolds and seconded by Jennifer Smith, meeting adjourned around 8:30pm.